

House Resolution 272

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Parrish of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Medical Device Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a number of serious issues and concerns related to medical devices designed
3 and manufactured for implantation in the human body through surgical procedures, including
4 but not limited to heart valves, pacemakers, knee joint replacements, and hip joint
5 replacements, and the costs of such devices to the state and state sponsored programs such
6 as the state health benefit plan and Medicaid, have come to the attention of members of the
7 House of Representatives; and

8 WHEREAS, many of these issues and concerns warrant study during the interim between the
9 2007 and 2008 regular sessions of the General Assembly.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 there is created the House Medical Device Study Committee to be composed of six members
12 of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
14 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
16 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
17 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
18 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
19 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
20 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
21 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
22 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
23 any member of the committee for more than ten days unless additional days are authorized.
24 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
25 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of

1 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
2 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2007. The committee shall stand abolished
3 on December 1, 2007.